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GIGANTIC BAND HEADS PARADE.

Cincinnati, O.—From every corner of the United States and Canada delegations to the twenty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians are gathered here participating in the six days' deliberations. There are 250 delegates at the convention. The convention was opened with a parade. A band of 150 pieces, made up of Cincinnati musicians, was at the head of it.

JUNE OBERLIN COMMENCEMENT.

Oberlin, O.—Commencement exercises will be held at Oberlin College Wednesday, June 14, according to announcement by the faculty. Dr. Samuel M. Crothers, of Cambridge, Mass., will deliver the principal address. An alumni dinner will follow Thursday, June 8, is the date which has been set for the commencement exercises of Oberlin Academy.

PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE CROWD.

Findlay, O.—To secure homes for the accommodation of 300 delegates who will be here to attend the annual state convention of the Ohio Sunday School Association here June 19-22, committees are visiting every residence in Findlay this week. Lodging and breakfast in the homes will be required. The other meals will be served in a hall.

NATURAL GAS PUMPED IN AUTO.

Lima, O.—Three local automobilists believe they have discovered a substitute for gasoline, after having made a successful 40-mile test in a touring car. The substitute is natural gas, which was pumped into the engine from a machine. They have applied for a patent on their device. Experts are said to have declared the plan practical.

WOMAN WINS GUN BATTLE.

Postoria, O.—An attempt to rob the home of Peter Mancke, a wealthy suburban resident, resulted in the shooting of two persons and the killing of two persons by Mrs. Roscoe Davis, wife of a tenant. Her husband and three-year-old child were wounded in a fusillade of shots exchanged between the thieves and the woman. The burglars were driven off without obtaining any loot of value. Mrs. Davis was not injured during her brave fight with the burglars.

Up to Date.

"It's a real job after all—this update apartment-house living," said the bride of a year or two to the friend who was paying a duty call. "The sherry you're eating is a month old. The visitor unconsciously delayed an ascending spoonful.

"Don't be worried," smiled the bride, "the ice is all right. I've kept them longer than that. You see, my last afternoon 'at-home' came on a rainy day, and I had a distressing number of ice left over. Now, if that had happened in a house of the United States, all of the refreshments would have gone to waste. The caterer wouldn't have taken any of them back. But you see, every apartment in this house has a refrigerating plant. You can keep things as long as you like in a cold storage warehouse. It's very nice."

"Yes, it is," said the bride's caller.

"It's very nice sherry, indeed."

Useless Fretting.

"My nephew, Elbert Petty, puts in the most of his time at worrying about what does not greatly concern him."

TO DISCUSS CITY PLANNING

National Conference Will Be Held in Cleveland in June.

Cleveland, O.—Practically all phases of city planning and development will be exhaustively discussed at the National Conference on City Planning, which will meet here June 5-7, inclusive, at the invitation of the committee on municipal art and architecture of the Chamber of Commerce. Problems peculiar to Cleveland and other Ohio cities will be discussed, according to Flavel Shurtliff, secretary of the conference. George McAnney, of the New York Times, will present some methods of building regulation; Wm. Harmon, New York realty dealer, will discuss subdivision of cities as related to their beautification, and a dozen other prominent experts on city beautification and planning will tender suggestions.

PLAN VOCATIONAL BUREAU

Association of College Women in Annual Session in Athens.

Athens, O.—At the annual State Conference of Ohio College Women, which has just closed here, an association was formed for the purpose of providing vocational service to college women and trained women of the state through the establishment of a vocational bureau. Vocational service for college women was discussed by experts from all of the leading Ohio colleges, as well as from universities of other states. Miss Hamilton Dean, of Miami University, was chosen President; Miss Voigt, of Ohio University, secretary, and Mrs. Holcomb, of Columbus, treasurer. A governing commission will be selected from the four Ohio sections of the association and the selection of a director for a vocational bureau will soon be considered.

BANDIT VICTIM IS AN OHIO MAN.

Girard, O.—City Solicitor Wade R. Deemer here said that Jesse Deemer, kidnapped by Mexican bandits in the Brewster county (Texas) raid, and probably killed, is his brother. Jesse Deemer was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, and lived many years at Jefferson, Ashtabula county, this state. He went to Mexico several years ago and owned a mine near Torreon at one time.

EDUCATOR STRUCK BY DISCUS.

Bowling Green, O.—Principal O. Neddenrip, of the North Baltimore schools, may die as a result of being struck in the head by a discus thrown by a student who was participating in the field meet. Neddenrip was only five feet away when the discus struck him. His skull was fractured and he was unconscious for 10 hours. The attending physician stated his condition was very serious.

"CINCINNATI LUNCHEONS" HELD.

Cincinnati, O.—As a forerunner of the National Rotary convention to be held in Cincinnati in July, "Cincinnati Day" luncheons were held during the week in more than 100 cities in the United States and Canada. At each a Cincinnati was present and made known the many advantages of the "Queen of the West."

BUCKEYE NEWS NOTES

Sidney, O.—Mrs. Nicholas Eichenberg, 24, died as result of injuries received when she was thrown from a buggy during a runaway.

Marletta, O.—Letha Wells, 17, and her brother, Harold, 9, are dead, and her mother, Mrs. Emma Wells, is probably fatally burned, as the result of fire in their home at Friendly, Va. Miss Letha poured crude oil over hot coals to kindle a fire in the kitchen stove.

Youngstown, O.—Mayor W. H. Cunningham, of East Youngstown, refused a delegation of labor men to permit to conduct a parade of strikers through that village. The mayor took the position that such a parade might incite the laborers of the place and lead to trouble.

Akron, O.—The murderer of Mrs. Julia Solomon, 24, who was shot near her own doorstep, is hiding with friends in East Akron, police believe. Police suspect a neighbor of the woman. The slayer fled across railroad tracks and took temporary refuge among cars.

Toledo, O.—The public library will be closed Sundays all day and each evening at 6 o'clock. The trustees took this action to cut the payroll \$250 a month. It is in line with general municipal retrenchment since recent defeat of a proposed \$1,500,000 city bond issue.

Tiffin, O.—Farmers have completed organization of the Jackson Farmers' Institute Association of Seneca county. U. N. Keller, of Iler, is president.

Cleveland, O.—State Mediator Fred C. Croxon announced that the nine-day strike of 600 electricians here had been settled. The men will soon go back to work. The men asked for 75 cents an hour. They have been getting 68 cents. The settlement provides they shall have 70 cents at once, 72½ cents in three months and 76 cents May 1, 1917.

confessed Gaunt N. Grimm. "Just now he is considerably exercised over the religious beliefs of Christopher Columbus. This is foolishness, in my opinion, for there is nothing he can do about it, even if he converts Columbus of being entirely in error. And it is especially futile when right here in his midst, so to say, is the question of world disarmament, about which he can do fully as much anybody else."—Kansas City Star.

First "Outsiders." Until the nomination of Franklin Pierce for the presidency of the United States, the word "outsider" was unknown. The committee on credentials came in to make its report, and could not get into the hall because of the crowd of people who were not members of the convention. The chairman of the convention asked if the chairman was ready to report, and the chairman of the committee answered: "Yes, Mr. Chairman, but the committee is unable to get inside on account of the crowd and the pressure of the outsiders." The newspaper reporters took up the word and used it.

MEXICANS RAID U. S.

OUTLAWS ATTACK CIVILIANS AND TROOPS FOUR MILES FROM BOQUILLAS, TEX.

ROUTED AFTER SHORT FIGHT

Parley Between Scott and Oregon Ends in Failure—Carranza and Wilson Must Settle Dispute—More Soldiers Chase Bandits.

Marathon, Tex., May 13.—Mexican bandits again crossed into American territory on Thursday and attacked civilians and soldiers. The raid was made four miles north of Boquillas at one terminal station and directly behind Colonel Langhorne's column, which up to that time had not crossed into Mexico. After a short skirmish the bandits fled.

El Paso, May 13.—The Oregon-Scott conferences over the Mexican situation ended in a disagreement on Thursday. All future diplomatic negotiations—if there are any—will be between the secretary of state and Mexican Ambassador Arredondo.

At the conclusion of the final session the following statement, signed by the conferees, was given to the correspondents:

"After several conferences, marked throughout with conspicuous courtesy and good will, in which conferences and impressions were exchanged and information was collected upon the military situation on the frontier, it was agreed upon by the conferees to suspend the conferences and report back to their governments in order that these may be able through their respective foreign departments to conclude this matter. The ending of these conferences does not mean, in any way, a rupture of the good relations of friendship between the conferees nor between the respective governments."

"H. O'BRIEN,"

"H. SCOTT,"

"FREDERICK FUNSTON."

General Oregon further announced that he had informed General Scott that several Mexican diplomats were now on their way to Washington from Mexico City with instructions from General Carranza regarding the representations for withdrawal made to the state department by Ambassador Arredondo.

Marathon, Tex., May 13.—Major Langhorne and his two troops of the Eighth cavalry have crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and are making their way southward rapidly.

Colonel Sibley's command of the Fourteenth cavalry reached the river on Thursday and crossed immediately. General Carranza said he was considering a proposition to call upon the First Cavalry of the Illinois National Guard for patrol work along the Rio Grande.

ASQUITH TO PACIFY IRELAND

Leaves for Dublin After Attack in Commons—14 Leaders of Revolt Were Executed.

London, May 13.—Premier Asquith left the Euston station on Thursday on board the Irish mail train on his way to Dublin.

After a bitter debate on the Irish question in the house of commons in which the executions of rebels and the maintenance of martial law in Ireland were vigorously condemned, Premier Asquith announced that he was leaving immediately for Dublin.

Mr. Asquith said his trip would not be made with the intention of superseding the executive authority in Ireland, but for the purpose of consulting the civil and military authorities at first hand and arriving at some arrangement for the future which would commend itself to Irishmen of all parties and to parliament.

Under Secretary for War Tennant announced in the house of commons that 14 persons had been executed for the revolt in Ireland, 73 had been sentenced to penal servitude and six condemned to hard labor.

Those deported from Ireland totaled 1,706, Tennant added.

TEXAS MILITIA REACHES CAMP

One Thousand Men Arrive at Fort Sam Houston—Entire Force Expected Soon.

San Antonio, Tex., May 13.—More than 1,000 men of the Texas National Guard arrived here on Thursday and went into the mobilization camp at Fort Sam Houston. The physical examination of the men will be begun at once. The men who pass will be sworn and mustered into the United States service. Their terms of enlistment will be for the period of their enlistment in the National Guard or until the Mexican expedition ends. It is expected all of the 3,500 Texas guardsmen will be in camp soon.

Steel Workers' Pay Raised.

Denver, May 13.—Five thousand employees of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company's steel mill at Pueblo have been granted an increase in wages, adding \$10,000 to the company's monthly pay roll.

Iron Workers Strike.

New York, May 13.—Five thousand iron workers went on strike in New York city. The men demand higher wages, shorter hours and recognition of their union. The strike is expected to spread.

Dies While Cranking Motor.

Allentown, Pa., May 13.—Rev. Irwin B. Ritter, president of the Allentown conference of the Lutheran church, died as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered while cranking his automobile.

Hawaiians Ready to Fight.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary Baker received the following cablegram: "National Guard of Hawaii now offers its services for such assignment as war department deems the present exigencies demand."

Ship Repaired; Crew Saved.

Liverpool, May 13.—Nine members of the crew of the French fishing vessel Bernadotte were landed here. They were six days in an open boat after their vessel was sunk by a submarine 160 miles from land.

Woman Is Held as Slayer.

Harford, Conn., May 13.—Mrs. Mary E. Archer-Gilligan, proprietor of the Archer House for Elderly People in Windsor, was arrested charged with murder. She is accused of causing the death of Franklin R. Andrews.

Bombs Hurler at Port Said.

London, May 13.—Two hostile aeroplanes dropped eight bombs on Port Said. Three civilians were wounded. The attackers were driven off by fire from antiaircraft guns. There was no property damage.

WANTED—A PIN



U. S. WARNS GERMANY MILITIA ORDERED OUT

WILSON DECLARES NEW SEA POLICY MUST BE OBSERVED.

Refuses to Consider Suggestion of Making England Obey Law of the Seas.

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson in a formal note dispatched on Monday to Berlin has accepted as meeting his demand the announced change in Germany's submarine policy. Coupled with this acceptance is a veiled threat that diplomatic relations will be severed unless the new orders issued by the German admiralty are scrupulously observed.

The president further notifies Germany that this government will not for a moment entertain much less discuss the suggestion that respect by German naval authorities for American rights upon the high seas should "in any way or in the slightest degree" be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants.

The president's reply absolutely commits the United States to a rupture of diplomatic relations should German commanders exceed the limitations of the recognized rules of international law admitted and declared by their government.

Simultaneous with the order sending the militia to the border, the war department ordered to the front practically all of the infantry remaining in the United States. The militia forces of the three states mentioned will add 4,000 men to Funston's command and in addition he will get some 3,000 regulars, as follows:

The Thirteenth infantry from Plattsburgh, N. Y.

The Third infantry from Madison barracks and Oswego, N. Y.

Two battalions of the Twenty-first infantry from Vancouver barracks and San Diego.

Two battalions of the Fourteenth infantry from Fort Lawton, Wash.

U. S. TROOPS KILL MEXICANS

Outlaws Slain Across Rio Grande—Rangers Wipe Out Band—Seven Americans Escaped.

Marathon, Tex., May 11.—Captain Fox of the Texas Rangers reported to Colonel Sibley that seven American soldiers and posse men had engaged a small band of Villa bandits across the Rio Grande and killed several of them. There were no American losses. Eight armed Mexicans are reported to have been killed Monday on this side of the Rio Grande by Texas Rangers. This news was brought here by Lloyd Wade, a ranchman. Four other Mexicans escaped.

Overpowering their guards, the eight Americans, seven of whom were employees of the Porto Rico de Boquillas mines, captured by a body of Villistas last Saturday, escaped and are now on American soil. Dr. Homer Powers of San Antonio, Tex., was among those who escaped.

"In view of these circumstances the German government frankly admits that the assurance given to the American government, in accordance with which passenger vessels were not to be attacked without warning has not been adhered to in the present case. As was intimated by the undersigned in the note of the fourth instant, the German government does not hesitate to draw from this resultant consequences."

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FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 11.—Rumor said to have originated at Halifax, that a transport carrying Canadian troops to England had been sunk is persistently circulated here. It lacked confirmation from any source.

Peking, May 12.—Li Yuan Sun has been proclaimed president of the southern provisional government, formed by the Chinese rebels. A war cabinet has also been formed with Tang Chi Yao chairman and Tsen Shuen Hsien vice chairman.

Robbers Dynamite a Safe.

Randsburg, Cal., May 12.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the Hingsworth Supply company here and escaped with \$10,000 in gold and several thousand dollars in checks. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Engineer Hess Is Blamed.

Washington, May 13.—Because he failed to heed signals set for him, Engineer Herbert Hess is declared responsible for the fatal wreck on the New York Central lines at Amherst, O., on March 29.

Must Pay for Baggage.

Columbus, May 11.—Railroads cannot limit the amount of their liability by statements on the back of baggage checks, according to a decision by the Ohio supreme court. Rose Steinberg was given a verdict of \$255.

Woman Kills Her Mother.

St. Louis, May 11.—Mrs. Helen Moore shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Helen Paus, Mrs. Carrie Hartman, a sister, said Mrs. Moore became so abusive to her mother that the mother threatened to slap her.

Boat Line's Profits Treble.

Rotterdam, May 10.—The Holland-America line more than trebled its gross profits in 1915, as an indirect result of the war, earning \$9,136,613, as against \$2,901,522 two years ago, announcement was made here.

John MacNeill Is Arrested.

Dublin, May 10.—John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, has been arrested by the British military authorities. News of the arrest of MacNeill was given out at the headquarters of the British military.

U-BOAT SUNK SHIP

GERMAN NOTE TO U. S. DECLARES SUBMARINE ATTACKED LINER SUSSEX.

FULL INDEMNITY IS OFFERED

Von Jagow Declares Kaiser's Assurance for Safety of Passenger Vessels Were Violated—Commander of U-Boat Punished.

Washington, May 12.—Germany notified the United States on Wednesday she would accept full responsibility for the torpedoing of the Sussex and that the submarine commander already had been punished for failing to exercise proper judgment. The commander, says the German note, thought he was attacking an auxiliary warship.

The text of the note in part follows: "Supplanting his note of the 4th instant, concerning the conduct of the German submarine warfare, the undersigned has the honor to inform his excellency the American ambassador, Mr. James W. Gerard, that the further investigation made by the German naval authorities concerned, in regard to the French steamship Sussex, on the basis of the American note, has been concluded in the meantime."

"In conforming with the result of this investigation, the assumption expressed in the note of the undersigned of the 10th ultimo, that the damage of the Sussex was to be traced back to a cause other than the attack of a German submarine cannot be maintained."

"March 24, 1916, approximately at the time the Sussex, an auxiliary warship, left the port of Folkestone with a large transport of British infantry on board; on the same day a transport steamer was torpedoed in the channel; a few minutes preceding the explosion on the Sussex she had passed through a mass of ship wreckage, which created the impression that a ship had been sunk at that spot shortly before."

"All these facts justified the conclusion that the only torpedo which could be considered under the circumstances had struck the Sussex war vessel, whereas the Sussex had met with an accident in some other way."

"However, on the basis of the American material, the German government cannot withhold its conviction that the ship torpedoed by the German submarine is in fact identical with the Sussex, for in accordance with this material the time, the place and the effect of the explosion by which the Sussex was damaged agree in the essential details with the statements of the German commander, so that there can no longer be any question of the possibility of two independent occurrences."

"In view of the general impression of all the facts at hand, the German government considers it beyond doubt that the commander of the submarine was acting in good faith, believing that he was facing an enemy warship. On the other hand, it cannot be denied that misled by the appearance of the vessel, under the pressure of the circumstances he formed his judgment too hurriedly in establishing her character and therefore acted fully in accordance with the strict instruction which called upon him to exercise particular care."

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Steamer Roanoke Destroyed by Explosion 100 Miles From Frisco—Vessel on Way to Valparaiso.

San Francisco, May 12.—The steamship Roanoke, which left San Francisco last Monday for Valparaiso, loaded with explosives and a general cargo, sank or was blown up 100 miles south of San Francisco.

A disconnected story of the tragedy was told by three survivors who were picked up in a lifeboat near the Port San Luis breakwater. Five dead men were in the boat. The Roanoke carried a crew of 46 men.

Seize Bullets for Banquets.

El Paso, Tex., May 12.—Message received here from Laredo, Tex., says more than one million rounds of ammunition, which Mexicans attempted to smuggle into Mexico, have been confiscated by United States troops.

Chicago Banker Is Dead.

Chicago, May 12.—Chauncey J. Blair, millionaire vice-president of the Corn Exchange National bank, died at his home of heart disease, following an illness of two weeks. He was seventy-one years old.

500 Chicago Cutters About.

Chicago, May 11.—About 500 cutters and trimmers employed in four large cigar shops in the vicinity of Van Buren street went on strike. They were the first of 2,000 men ordered to walk out.

Food Riots in Berlin?

London, May 11.—A Central News dispatch received from Zurich on Tuesday afternoon reports a recurrence of food riots in Berlin in which machine guns were used to subdue mobs of women.

To Succor Shackleton.

London, May 10.—The British government has decided to organize forthwith a relief expedition to be sent into the Antarctic to succor Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton and his fellow explorers, it was announced.

German Submarine Destroyed.

Amsterdam, May 10.—Berlin advices received state that a German submarine was recently sunk by a mine in the Black sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna. Most of the crew was saved by a destroyer.

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